

**Grants by Grant Cycle****Grants matching your search for 2016-17 Farm and Ranch Cleanup and Abatement Grants (FR60)****Butte County****Grantee:** Butte County**Amount Awarded:** \$50,000.00**Grantee Contact:** Mr Scot Johnson**CalRecycle Grant Manager:** Cathy Aggergaard

Project Summary: A 9 acre piece of property on Quartz Hill Lane in the community of Berry Creek has been used for years by squatters and those growing marijuana illegally. The owner, who acquired the property in 2016, is committed to the cleaning up all the garbage left behind. They have already removed 62 vehicles, 3 semi-trucks, 40 cubic yards of trash and over 100 cubic yards of scrap metal. The owner is now seeking financial assistance from CalRecycle to remove the remaining motorhomes, travel trailers, a mobile home, appliances, trash and tires. While there are currently no crops growing on the land, the zoning of the property does allow for agricultural uses. This property is located in the winter Deer herd area. With the new owner's continued presence on the property, there should be no future dumping.

*Total Awarded for County: \$50,000.00***Del Norte County****Grantee:** Resighini Rancheria**Amount Awarded:** \$73,350.00**Grantee Contact:** Ms Madison Flynn**CalRecycle Grant Manager:** Cathy Aggergaard

Project Summary: The Resighini Rancheria Natural Resources program is requesting \$73,350 in grant funding to cleanup and abate two sites on two separate parcels in Klamath, California subject to illegal dumping. Resighini Rancheria is applying for the pilot project as indicated in the Calrecycle Farm and Ranch Solid waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Program application guidelines. Submitted documents for the pilot include completed budget tabs (both projects combined) and the Application Certification.

*Total Awarded for County: \$73,350.00***Madera County****Grantee:** Coarsegold Resource Conservation District**Amount Awarded:** \$140,289.00**Grantee Contact:** Anne Melrose**CalRecycle Grant Manager:** Cathy Aggergaard

Project Summary: This is for the pilot grant program. The money will be used to clean up the many illegal marijuana grow sites in our southern Sierra National Forests lands as well as private lands, as sites often extend across property boundaries. We will clean up the drip lines used to water the hundreds of plants to discourage easy repopulation of the site. We will clean up the camps left behind and their trash pits which can be scattered by animals for years to come. The work will include the collection of the debris and its removal and recycling if possible. We have cleaned up sites at least twice before with local tribal grants. Work will be done in conjunction with the Forest Service, Law Enforcement and the High Sierra Volunteer Trail Crew, all of which have had extensive experience doing this work. We expect the work to be done in the fall when sites are safe and unoccupied. With this significant amount of money we would make every effort to clean every accessible site in our area and then partner with adjacent RCDs to help them do the work in their districts. Our goals will be 40 sites with the note that there are often several plots to any one site; on average I would say 3 plots per sites. In our last clean up we found a site that was almost a mile long stretching below a mountain ridge. Many sites are discovered every year and there is a back log of sites from the many years when only the plants were removed, without concern for the bigger mess around them.

Total Awarded for County: \$140,289.00

Mariposa County

Grantee: Mariposa County Resource Conservation District

Amount Awarded: \$11,568.00

Grantee Contact: Mrs Nicole Poor

CalRecycle Grant Manager: Carla Repucci

Project Summary: The single site of this project is National Forest owned and it has been used as an illegal dumping site. Removal, recycling and/or disposal of tires, waste barbed wire, bailing wire, miscellaneous metal and wood waste illegally dumped on the hillside slopes and in a drainage area will control water run off and positively impact water quality and wildlife habitat. Site restoration measures will be implemented to stabilize the sloped and control erosion. A sign will be posted to acknowledge the funding support for the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery.

Total Awarded for County: \$11,568.00

Placer County

Grantee: Placer County

Amount Awarded: \$50,000.00

Grantee Contact: Samantha Bailey

CalRecycle Grant Manager: Carla Repucci

Project Summary: Property owner purchased the property (the 19.1 acres of agriculture/timberland) in February 2016 with the knowledge of tires and general solid waste on the property, however not the full extent of the solid waste. The parcel is privately owned. In September 2016, the owner was constructing a water well on the property. The well drilling company communicated to the property owner of potential clean up grants provided by CalRecycle. The property owner contacted CalRecycle. CalRecycle contacted Placer County Environmental Health on behalf of the owner to notify the division of the illegal dumping. In September 2016, the property owner, CalRecycle, and Environmental Health met on-site for verification of the illegal dumping. Environmental Health determined that the site may be a candidate for the CalRecycle Farm and Ranch Grant. Owner is requesting the cleanup of the site via a Farm and Ranch Grant. The site excavation and disposal costs may exceed the \$50,000 grant maximum. The property owner understands that the grant maximum is \$50,000 per individual site and anything above this amount is his responsibility. Future dumping will be impeded due to securing of the property by the owner.

Total Awarded for County: \$50,000.00

Sonoma County

Grantee: Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District

Amount Awarded: \$11,511.00

Grantee Contact: Mr William Hart

CalRecycle Grant Manager: Cathy Aggergaard

Project Summary: The project applying for funding is a single parcel with two sites in which illegal growers established marijuana plantings. The sites are approximately 1/8 of an acre and 1,400 square feet and were discovered on a livestock ranch in Bodega, CA. The party responsible for the illegal grow cannot be identified, located or pay for the timely and proper remediation. This jurisdiction has a continued problem with illegal dumping of waste associated with illegal farming of marijuana plants. There are no prevention programs for this jurisdiction that the landowner could have participated in or utilized. Clean up will require the removal of: plastic and metal fencing, grow pots, plastic bags, plastic tubes, irrigation line, plastic tarp, fertilizer and mulch bags, and spilled fertilizer and mulch. Future dumping will be prevented by posting "no trespassing" signage, and surveillance by wildlife cameras.

Grantee: Sonoma County

Amount Awarded: \$50,000.00

Grantee Contact: Sheri Emerson

CalRecycle Grant Manager: Cathy Aggergaard

Project Summary: We are applying under the Pilot program. This application is for the cleanup of one illegal disposal site at Cresta Ranch owned by the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District (District). Cresta Ranch, along with several adjacent properties owned by the District, will soon be transferred to Sonoma County Regional Parks to become Mark West Creek Regional Park and Open Space Preserve. Grazing will continue on the property after it is transferred to Parks. The District discovered an illegal Cannabis cultivation site in a remote section of the Cresta Ranch property in October of 2016. County Sheriff believes it is unlikely that the responsible party can be identified or located. Illegal Cannabis cultivation has been an issue on remote District properties in the past, but this is the first known illegal grow site at Cresta Ranch. Successful preventative measures implemented at other District-owned properties include posting signage notifying potential trespassers of surveillance activity, and establishing a trained volunteer patrol to regularly monitoring a property, in order to prevent recurring illegal uses on the property. The cleanup of the site, which is estimated to have included more than 1,000 plants, will involve the removal of an estimated 4,500 pounds of solid waste, including car batteries, camping supplies, irrigation tubing, tarps, and miscellaneous plant material, garbage, and other debris. The work will also involve regrading and replanting within the growing areas, which had been cleared of vegetation and altered to create terraces for plantings, and three large water basins. A major concern is that one of the basins and much of the garbage is located within an unnamed tributary to Mark West Creek, which is known to support the federally protected Coho salmon and steelhead trout.

Total Awarded for County: \$61,511.00

Yolo County

Grantee: Yolo County Resource Conservation District

Amount Awarded: \$50,000.00

Grantee Contact: Ms. Heather Nichols

CalRecycle Grant Manager: Cathy Aggergaard

Project Summary: This application is being submitted under the PILOT proposal requirements. Number of Illegal Disposal Sites – This project encompasses one cleanup site on Babel Slough from Crossing 1 to Crossing 2. The cleanup site is approximately a 0.85 miles in length and 15 acres. The entire length of the site has been subject to illegal dumping of tires and other refuse. Based on site visits, we estimate that 250 to 500 tires may be on site and accessible for cleanup. Who Will Perform the Clean-up – The Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps (SRCC) has been identified to perform the cleanup. SRCC is a nonprofit that empowers young adults through opportunities for education and paid work experience. SRCC currently serves Sacramento, Yolo, El Dorado, Placer and eastern Solano Counties and is Sacramento’s largest education and workforce training program for young adults 18 – 25 years of age. SRCC is a registered tire hauler and has experience in tire hauling and disposing of illegally dumped waste in the region. From last year, SRCC has partnered with Trinity and Colusa County, and the City of Elk Grove to assist with Tire Amnesty Events. SRCC also works with the Sacramento Creek Council, Delta Protection Commission and Delta Conservancy for waterway cleanup projects. For the last 15 years, SRCC has partnered with the City of Citrus Heights to clear approximately 24 miles of creeks/ditches and remove illegally dumped tires, trash and debris on an annual basis. SRCC crews also pickup illegally dumped tires from public places in Sacramento as a part of an ongoing partnership with the City of Sacramento. SRCC crews have experience working in areas with sensitive habitat. SRCC crews have experience working with Sacramento County Parks and Folsom State Parks along the American Parkway on Fire Fuel Reduction Projects where there are a number of sensitive plant and wildlife species including elderberry plants. In partnership with the Sacramento Valley Conservancy, SRCC crews have provided necessary habitat restoration at the Deer Creek Hills/ Blue Oak Preserve located in eastern Sacramento County. With oversight from an urban projects manager, one onsite crew supervisor and a crew (up to six SRCC members) will carry out the waste tire removal from the site area. The SRCC crew supervisor will drive a 12 passenger van and this vehicle will tow a tool trailer with a portable rest room. All SRCC members who will work on this project will have first aid and CPR training and some will have completed coursework in flood fighting, tire handling, as well as the 10-hour OSHA and Hazwoper 40-hour training. SRCC will rent dumpsters from Tri-CE and water tire removal from the site will be processed by a Tri-C tire recycler. Continued Problems with Illegal Dumping – Continued dumping is still occurring at this site. However, private individuals are able and willing to continually manage this problem and maintain a high level of upkeep along the site. The underlying buildup of decades of dumping are currently an insurmountable challenge for these dedicated private individuals to dispose of. Illegal Dumping Prevention Programs - Yolo County has a Good Neighbor Program at the county landfill that allows individuals to drop off illegally dumped material at no cost. The private landowners on and around the project site have made frequent use of this county program.

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Grant Count: 8

Grant Total for Selected Counties: \$436,718.00